



KENTUCKY COUNCIL ON
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Bones: Dissecting the GED[®] Process & Policies



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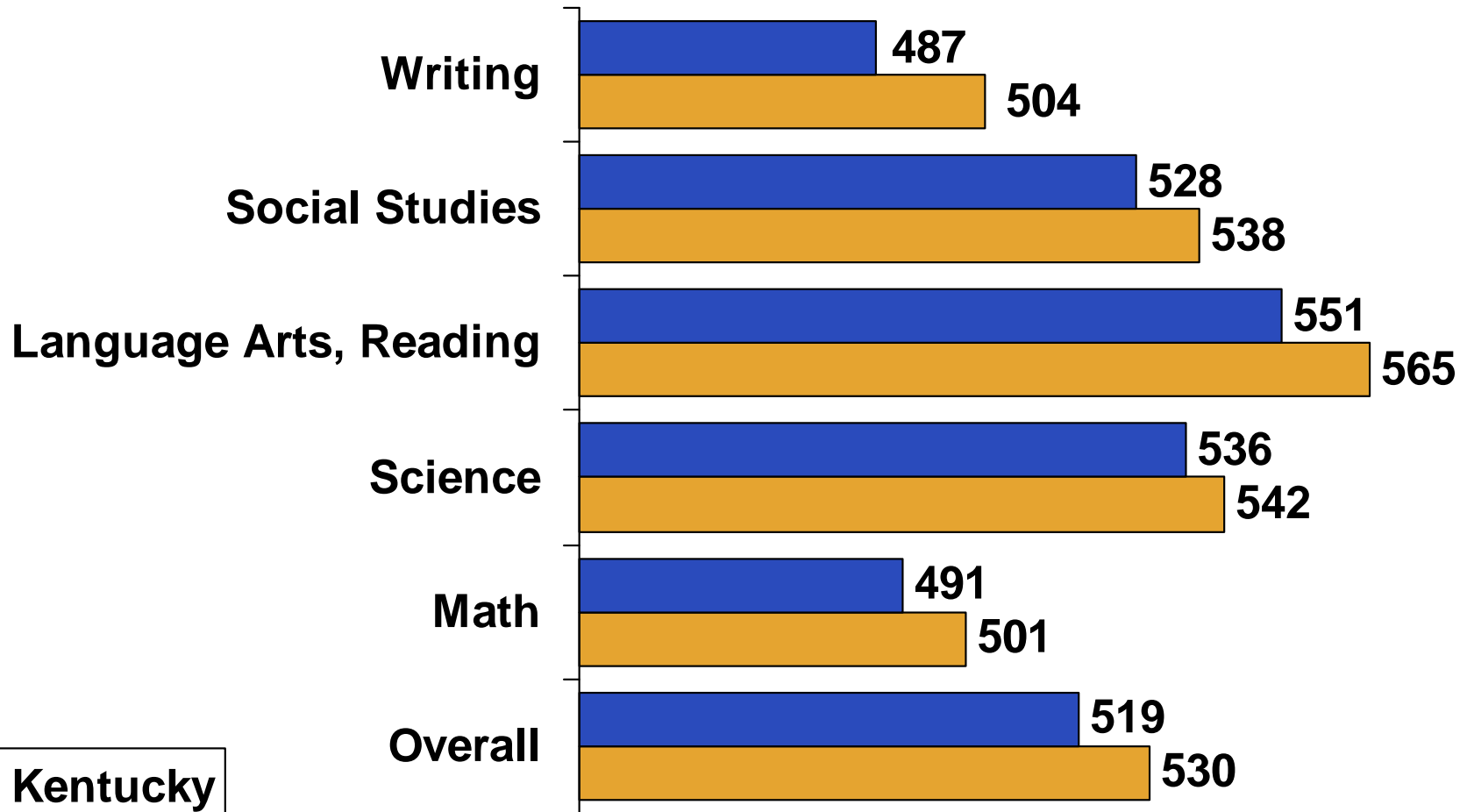
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CY 2007 Statistical Overview

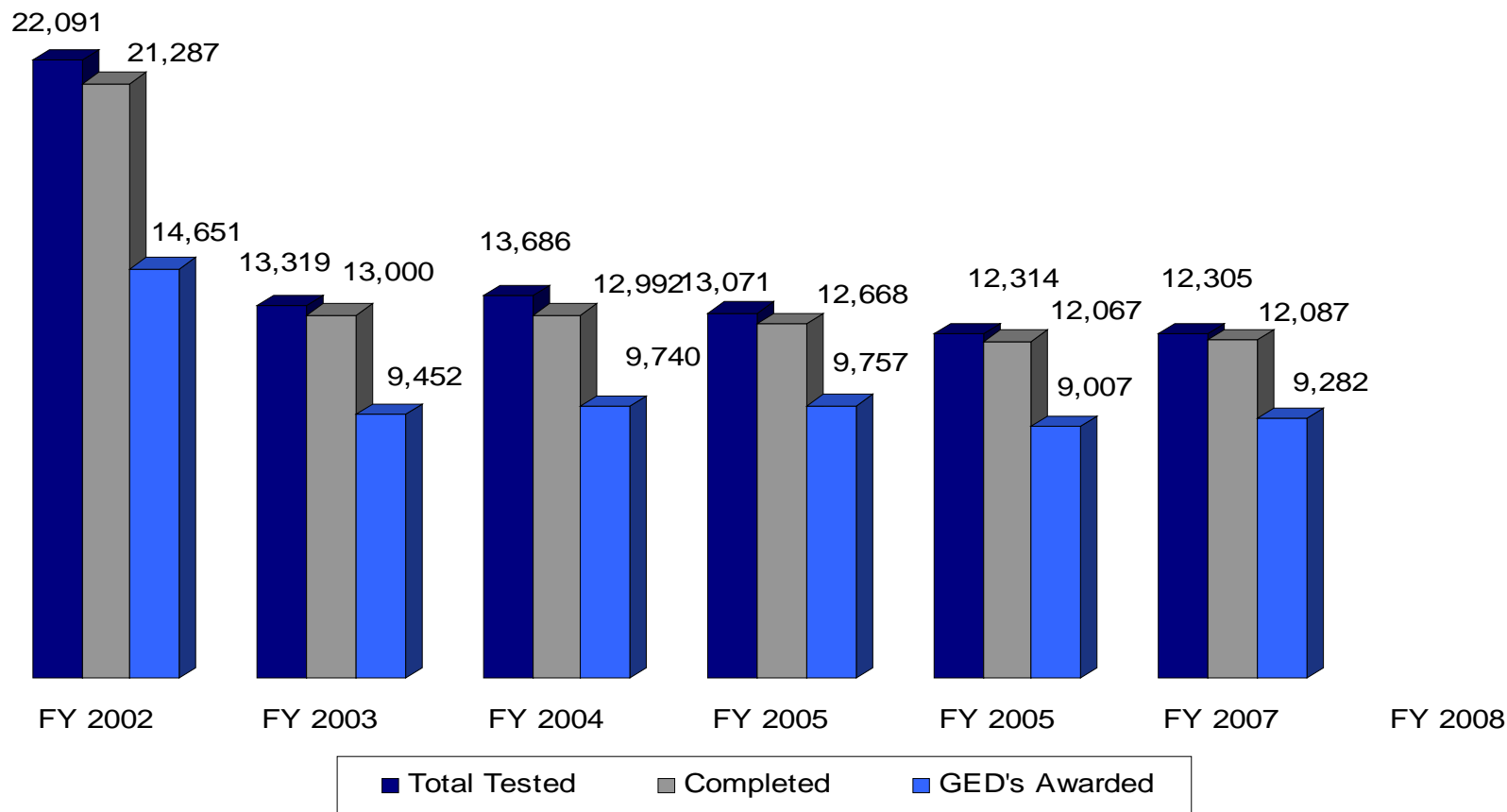
	National	Kentucky
Total Tested	728,930	12,201
Increase	2.0%	.9%
Total Passed	451,759	9,448
Increase	3.0%	5.4%
Passing Rate	71.1%	78.8%
Target Population Tested	1.7%	1.6%
Target Population Passed	1.1%	1.3%
Reason Took GED Test		
• Education	60.9%	47.7%
• Employment	48.5%	44.3%

CY 2007 Statistical Overview



■ Kentucky
■ Nation

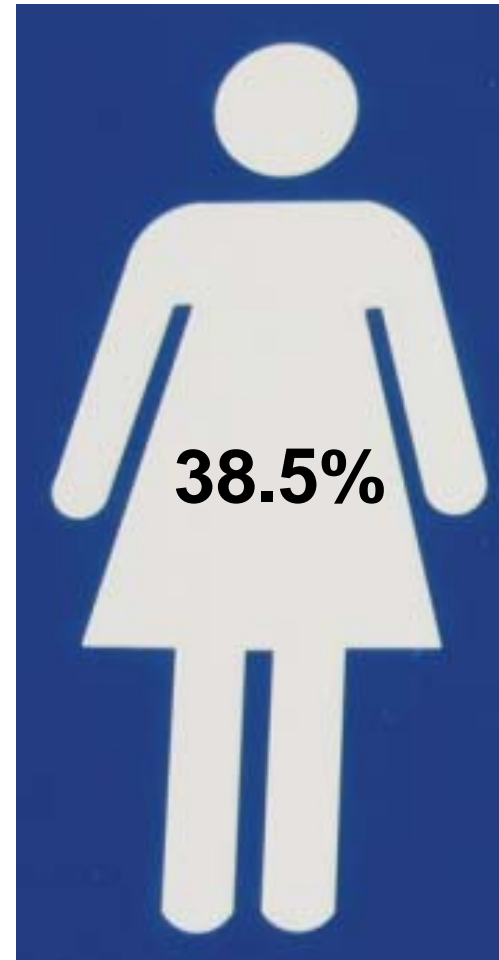
2002-2008 Statistics



Source - Kentucky Adult Education, Council on Postsecondary Education

NOTE: The GED Tests are comprised of five subtests. Total tested equals the number of persons completing at least one subtest. Passing rate equals GEDs awarded divided by number completing the GED Tests.

FY 2008 Demographics - Gender



FY 2008 Demographics - Age

63.2%	{	16-18	31.0%	{	86.6%
		19-24	32.2%		
		25-35	23.4%		
		36-50	10.7%		
		50-65	2.4%		
		65+	.3%		

FY 2008 Demographics

Highest Grade Completed

8 th grade or below	11.9%	
9 th grade	21.1%	
10 th grade	29.0%	} 80.6%
11 th grade	30.5%	
12 th grade	2.7%	
Unknown	4.8%	

FY 2008 Demographics

Last Attended School in 2006, 2007 or 2008	30.6%
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Reason for Testing (multiple responses)

Education	54.6%
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Job-related	68.4%
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Current Status

Unemployed	37.4%
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Employed	20.5%
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Part-time Employed	10.4%
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Full-time Student	12.2%
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Part-time Student	4.7%
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FY 2008 Demographics

Reported Income Level

\$3,000 or less	52.1%
\$5,000 or less	59.4%
\$7,500 or less	64.6%
\$10,000 or less	69.9%
\$15,000 or less	75.9%



FY 2008 Demographics

Traveled to Test

less than 25 miles

80.1%

less than 50 miles

89.9%



Test Scheduled

1 week or less

72.2%

1 week to 1 month

86.3%



FY 2008 Demographics

Learned About Tests

Friend, Neighbor or Family	51.8%
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Teacher or Counselor	23.6%
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Media	17.3%
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FY 2008 Demographics

Hours of Preparation

0 hrs.	4.2%
1-10 hrs.	20.8%
11-25 hrs.	22.5%
<i>1-25 hrs.</i>	<i>43.3%</i>
26-50 hrs.	17.3%
<i>1-50 hrs.</i>	<i>60.6%</i>
51-100 hrs.	12.5%



FY 2008 Demographics

Reasons for Dropping Out

Family – Got a Job	22.3%
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Social – Wasn't Happy	28.7%
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Academics – Didn't Like School	32.9%
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Student Performance

Absences	29.4%
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Poor Study Habits	23.6%
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Math	23.3%
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New GED Testing Policies

- Pre-payment of Fees
- No Show Policy
- Improved OPT Scores for Retesting
- OPT Scores with Accommodation Request



Pre-payment of Test Fees

Kentucky Pre-pay Policy:

- All test fees must be received by the test center at least one day before the test.
- No test fees shall be collected on the day of the test.
- Test centers may establish a prepay policy greater than one day.
- Agencies that provide vouchers for candidates shall pay for the testing slot in advance.

No Show Policy

Kentucky No Show Policy:

- A candidate that does not appear for the registered test date or appears late may reschedule within one week (seven working days) for the next available test slot at the same test center without an additional fee.
- Thereafter the full test fee or retest fee shall apply.
- Test centers may establish a more stringent no-show policy.

OPT Score for Those Retesting

Kentucky Policy:

Candidates that are retesting must present a completed and signed KYAE-6 form with improved Official Practice Test (OPT) scores on the subtests not passed on the GED Tests.



OPT With Accommodation Request

Kentucky Policy on Accommodations

Passing the Official Practice Test is an eligibility requirement in Kentucky. Individuals submitting an accommodation request shall submit OPT scores.



Accommodation Assistance

- KYAE is working with the Kentucky Psychological Association to get assessments completed for learning disabilities.
- KYAE will mail every licensed psychologists in the state a letter signed by the Executive Director or KPA and Sarah Hawker.
- The request will be for pro-bono or sliding scale rates.
- KYAE will publish a list of willing psychologists within your region.

Test Fees

Possibility of Increase

- Total fee
- Retest fee
- Transcript fee

Test Fee Increase

Process

- CPE approval
- LRC filing
- Notice and comment period
- Administrative Regulation Committee

GED 123.org Issues

- Those Retesting
- Length of time to create record
- SSNs & AERIN Download

GED123.org - Register for the GED - Microsoft Internet Explorer

Address: <https://www.gedscoring.com/GEDScoring/Web/GED123/Default.aspx>

GED123.org
...easy as 1, 2, 3!

- GED Registration
- Test Scores and Official Transcripts
- Transcript Verification

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New and Potential GED Students:
If this is your first visit, select "Begin" to:
- Register to take the GED
- View GED test schedules and locations in your area
- Use an Access Code to see your scores

Returning Students:
If you have already created an account, login here:
Email Address: [Forgotten password?](#)
Password:
Otherwise, enter an Access Code:

Employers, School Officials, and Others:
Enter a student Access Code or Transcript Verification Code: Or: [Use Your Account](#)

Preparation is the key!

Be Prepared

- Pre-register.
- Bring the right documentation to the test session.
- Know the test rules.



Fraudulent or Online Credentials

- Distribute the GEDTS packet to all employers
- GEDTS packet highlights the issues
- Raises Awareness

Prevent Fraud

- Send all employers a notice.
- The GED transcript is official documentation of passing the GED. Transcripts can be requested online at www.ged.ky.gov.
- The diploma is a certificate to hang on the wall and is not proof of passing the GED.
- Only official transcripts should be accepted for employment. Copies should not be accepted. The official transcript is on copy proof paper.

GED Testing Service Fraud Measures

- Registered Trademark
- Use of Term “GED” and Logo
- Licensing Agreements
- Legal pursuit of Unauthorized Usage
- Style Guide



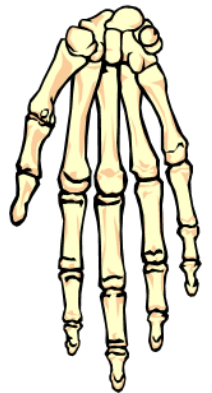
2012 Test

- Reading will have more practical (non-fiction) questions
- Math will have one booklet
- Calculator will be used on entire math test
- Large print version will be standard size
- Audio cassette will be new technology
- Waiting for subject matter expert reports
- KET is working on curriculum

2012 Test

- Begin planning now.
- Identify what worked in 2002.
- Plan community awareness campaign.
- Plan with test centers.
- No mass testing.

Questions and Answers



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